IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: **Buco et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2195**

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be necessary. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is necessary, I authorize the Commissioner to charge the necessary extension fees to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 50-0510.

In response to the Office Action of March 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.